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This newsletter is developed to inform employees of the State of Colorado on the efforts being performed to ensure the recovery of critical functions and the safety of employees in the face of man-made, or natural disaster.

Introduction
Welcome to the twelfth edition of the COOP/COG newsletter. This newsletter is intended to keep employees informed about this important effort which could affect us all as employees and also residents of Colorado. This newsletter will be produced on a regular basis to show the progress being made and benefits to citizens, employees, and State government itself. Feel free to ask questions and provide feedback as this is a collaborative effort that affects everyone.

Training
A number of people have expressed interested in attending the 3 day L548 COOP Managers class. This class teaches participants the basics in developing a Continuity program for their agency, developing the Continuity Plan, exercising the plan, and maintaining the plan over the longer term. FEMA has offered to run the class over winter 08-09 and I would like the State to sponsor the class. This means we will provide the room, equipment, refreshments, and a good number of participants. Outside agencies would also be invited to attend (City's, Counties, etc). To do this, I need expressions of interest in attending the class. These are not commitments however, once this class is advertised it will fill the entire space we have based on past experiences with this class. So if you haven't done this class yet, please let me know you are interested via email so I can reserve space for State planners.

Continuity Plan Storage
Work on a project to implement a new COOP SharePoint document server for the Continuity Plans has been continuing. The hardware and software is on-site and is currently being configured. It will initially be setup in the OIT data center and its final home will be physically out of state in the hope it avoids being part of the event if something happens in Colorado.

Once this server is configured, I will need all the plans on Contingency-Pro migrated to new COOP SharePoint document server. I expect this will take some time as we need to setup accounts, develop a file structure, and determine access rights before we move files over. For the moment, please be aware of this task and once the configuration is complete there will be more details on how to do the migration and how to use the server.

Six weeks till the DNC
I understand that a number of planners are involved in DNC related activities. Please be aware that your Continuity planning work is important to this event. Watch the newspapers, press releases, security briefings and any other reliable information sources during the

weeks leading up to the convention, be aware of the what is planned, and generally be informed.

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